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Supervisors Seek to Identify Illegal Immigrant Inmates

San Bernardino, CA - The Board of Supervisors discussed the implementation of a program to use specially trained Sheriff's Department personnel to identify inmates who are illegal immigrants. Supervisor Paul Biane, who proposed the policy and gave direction to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department to return to the Board of Supervisors with a plan to identify and process criminal illegal immigrants in the County justice system, praised his colleagues on the Board of Supervisors for moving forward on this pertinent issue.

"People who come here illegally and commit crimes need to be prosecuted, sentenced and sent back to their home country," said Supervisor Biane during the introduction of his proposal and direction to the Sheriff's Department. "This proposal has to do with identifying and prosecuting criminals effectively."

Supervisor Biane noted that immigration is a federal issue; if adopted, this proposal would help the federal government to more aggressively pursue deportation for those who are here illegally.

Moreover, this proposal would allow the Sheriff's Department to identify the illegal immigrants and receive funds from the Immigration and Naturalization Service for housing and processing the undocumented criminals. "Part of my

motivation is financial; the more inmates we identify as illegal immigrants, the more money we will be able to recover from the federal government and reduce the strain on local taxpayers.”

Due to the action of the Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff’s Department will now study the issue and return to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation. “My staff will work closely with the Sheriff’s Department to come up with a solution that is best for San Bernardino County,” Supervisor Biane concluded.

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